

<b>MEETING MINUTES</b>
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SCIRAC)</b>

Minutes of Meeting		
<b>Location:</b> Sun Valley City Hall, Council Chambers	<b>Date:</b> March 30, 2011	<b>Time:</b> 9:30
<b>Purpose:</b> General Meeting		
<b>Member Attendees:</b> Tom Bowman - Chairman, Nils Ribí - Vice Chairman, Woody Anderson, Claude Ballard, R. Chad Chorney, Wes Fields, Kerry McMurray, Mike Ricondo, Jim Simpson, Mark Toone, Susan Vance		
<b>Public Attendees:</b> None		
<b>Speakers/Special Guests:</b> Sara Baldwin, Carol Cole, Char Nelson, Kurt Nelson, Chris Lundy, Shawn Robnett, Ann Frost, Scott Nannenga, Terry Lee, Bobbi Filbert, Robin Garwood		
<b>Designated Federal Officer:</b> Julie Thomas	<b>Notes:</b> Tammie Darling	

**General Discussion Notes:**

- Call to Order: by Chairman Tom Bowman
- Introduction of Committee Members
- Amend Meeting Agenda: One change to the agenda was requested. Bobbi Filbert was scheduled to present at 11:00 – 11:15am on the Sawtooth Aspen Enhancement project. She would like to present last due to a scheduling conflict. The Committee approved the change in the agenda.
- Public Forum: Chairman Tom Bowman opened the floor to public comment. There was no one in attendance to comment.
- Prior Meeting Minutes: The Committee was asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the March 30, 2011 meeting. There was none.
  - Motion by Jim Simpson to accept the minutes as they stand.
  - Seconded by Mark Toone.
  - Vote: All in Favor – Unanimous.
  - Minutes Approved
- Other Items:
  - Linn Kincannon is not in attendance. She would like to resign as a member of the SCIRAC. She is trying to find a replacement for her position.
  - Nils Ribí and Tom Bowman welcomed everybody to Sun Valley and told of the events taking place in the Sun Valley area this week.

**Topic 1: Project Presentations:**

- **SNF-00110** Sara Baldwin, Sawtooth National Recreation Area (NRA) Ranger, presented the Sawtooth NRA Trail Maintenance and Patrol Project.

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- **SNF-00210** Carol Cole, Sawtooth NRA Partnership Coordinator, presented the Sawtooth NRA Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Program Project.
- **SNF-00310** Char Nelson, Blaine County, presented the Trail Creek Restoration (Part II) Project. Ms. Nelson also introduced Tom Duffy, Blaine County Road and Bridge Division.
- **SNF-00410** Kurt Nelson, Ketchum District Ranger, presented the Blaine and Camas Noxious Weed Control Project. Mr. Nelson also introduced Robert Garcia, the new Sawtooth NRA and Ketchum Ranger District Range Conservationist.
- **SNF-00510** Chris Lundy, Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center (SNFAC) Director, presented the Soldier Mountain Weather Station Project.
- **SNF-00610** Shawn Robnett, Sawtooth National Forest (SNF) Assistant Engineer, presented the Fox Creek Trailhead Entrance Project.
- **SNF-00710** Ann Frost, Fairfield Ranger District Recreation Manager, presented the Fairfield YCC Crew Project.
- **SNF-00810** Scott Nannenga, Minidoka District Ranger, presented the Cassia and Twin Falls Noxious Weed Inventory Project.
- **SNF-00910** Scott Nannenga, Minidoka District Ranger, presented the Minidoka Wildlife Guzzlers Project.
- **SNF-01010** Scott Nannenga, Minidoka District Ranger, presented the Black Pine Canyon Rehabilitation Project.
- **SNF-01110** Scott Nannenga, Minidoka District Ranger, presented the Mill Flat Campground Improvements Project.
- **SNF-01210** Terry Lee, Camas County Weed Superintendent, presented the Camas County Weed Bureau request for funds..
- **SNF-01310** Bobbi Filbert, SNF Wildlife Biologist, presented the Sawtooth Aspen Enhancement Project.

Action Item(s)	Who	When
None		

#### Topic 2: Project Reports

- Robin Garwood, SNF North Zone Wildlife Biologist, presented the progress of the Wolverine Study Project #9-0001 that was funded in 2010 by the SCIRAC.

Action Item(s)	Who	When
None		

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#### Topic 3: Funding Decisions

##### Discussion:

The Committee discussed what to base their funding decisions on. Various topics were discussed as follows:

- NEPA preparedness
- Matching funds
  - Amount/Percentage of match
  - Manipulation of match
  - If match is genuine
- Use other RACs funding as match and/or approval/disapproval
- Base on merit of project only
- Accountability to RAC
- Scalable
- Equalization of Funding by County

Julie Thomas discussed with the group that the only items that can be used for these projects are the decided to items that were previously voted on and passed.

##### Voting:

- SNF-00410 (Blaine/Camas Noxious Weeds Control), SNF-00810 (Cassia/Twin Falls Noxious Weed Inventory), SNF-01210 (Camas Noxious Weed Control):
  - Motion by Nils Ribi to fund SNF-00410 for \$16,000, SNF-00810 for \$22,100, SNF-01210 for \$20,000.
  - Seconded by Wes Fields.
  - Discussion
  - Amendment:
    - Motion by Nils Ribi to amend to include SNF-01010 (Black Pine Canyon Rehabilitation) for \$16,500.
    - Agreement to amend motion by Wes Fields.
    - Motion Amended to add project SNF-01010 for \$16,500.
  - Discussion
  - Amendment:
    - Motion by Chad Chorney to amend once again to remove SNF-01010 for \$16,500 and return to original motion.
    - Seconded by Claude Ballard.
    - Nils Ribi and Wes Fields both agreed to return motion to original state.
    - Motion Amended to Original Motion.
  - Restated: Motion to fund SNF-00410 for \$16,000, SNF-00810 for \$22,100, SNF-01210 for \$20,000.
  - Vote: All in Favor – Unanimous; All Opposed – None.

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- Motion Passed
- SNF-00910 (Minidoka Wildlife Guzzlers), SNF-01310 (Sawtooth Aspen Enhancement):
  - Motion by Chad Chorney to fund SNF-00910 for \$5,000 and SNF-01310 for \$8,000.
  - Seconded by Mike Ricondo.
  - Discussion
  - Vote: All in Favor – 7; Needed 9 members in favor to pass.
  - Motion Failed
- SNF-00910 (Minidoka Wildlife Guzzlers)
  - Motion by Jim Simpson to fund SNF-00910 for \$5,000.
  - Seconded by Kerry McMurray.
  - Discussion
  - Vote: All in Favor – Unanimous; Opposed – None
  - Motion Passed
- SNF-00210 (Sawtooth NRA YCC Program), SNF-00710 (Fairfield YCC Crew)
  - Motion by Wes Fields to fund SNF-00210 for \$12,200 and SNF-00710 for \$15,000.
  - Seconded by Woody Anderson.
  - Discussion
  - All in Favor – Unanimous; All Opposed – None
  - Motion Approved
- SNF-00510 (Soldier Mountain Weather Station)
  - Motion by Nils Ribi to fund SNF-00510 for \$5,000.
  - Seconded by Woody Anderson.
  - Discussion
  - Vote: All in Favor – Unanimous; All Opposed – None
  - Motion Passed
- SNF-00310 (Trail Creek Restoration Project Part II)
  - Motion by Jim Simpson to fund SNF-00310 for \$20,338.
  - Seconded by Mike Ricondo.
  - Discussion
  - Vote: All in Favor – Unanimous; All Opposed – None
  - Motion Passed
- SNF-00210 (Sawtooth NRA Trail Maintenance and Patrol)
  - Motion by Kerry McMurray to fund SNF-00210 for \$18,240.
  - Seconded by Nils Ribi.
  - Discussion
  - Vote: All in Favor – Unanimous; All Opposed – None

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- Motion Passed
  
- SNF-01110 (Black Pine Canyon Rehabilitation)
  - Motion by Kerry McMurray to fund SNF-01110 for \$16,500.
  - Seconded by Woody Anderson.
  - Discussion
  - Vote: All in Favor – Unanimous; All Opposed – None
  - Motion Passed
  
- SNF-00510 (Soldier Mountain Weather Station)
  - Motion by Kerry McMurray to add the remaining funds to SNF-00510 for \$334.
  - Seconded by Claude Ballard.
  - Discussion
  - Vote: All in Favor – Unanimous; All Opposed – None
  - Motion Passed

Action Item(s)	Who	When
None		

**Additional Topic: SCIRAC Policy**

**Discussion on Policy:**

- Reiterated that NEPA must be completed or proposal will not be considered
- Matching Funds Criteria
  - Using Man Hours, Equipment and Supplies for matching funds
  - Using Indirect Costs for matching funds
  - Can not use other Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) funding as matching funds

**Policy Decisions:**

- Motion:
  - Motion by **Woody Anderson/Chad Chorney** to add policy stating that other RAC's funding will not be considered as matching funds.
  - Seconded by Kerry McMurray.
  - All in Favor – Unanimous; All Opposed – None
  - Motion Passed
- Minimum Match required for proposal to be presented to the SCIRAC is 20%.
- Projects with greater match may be considered more favorably relative to other proposals.
- Indirect costs will not be considered as matching funds except Federal Agency Appropriated Contributions.

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- Funds from other RAC's can not be used for match

Action Item(s)	Who	When
Include the above policy decisions in the SCIRAC Operating Guidelines	Julie Thomas	Prior to the next SCIRAC meeting

#### Additional Topic: 2012 Funding

- Julie Thomas –
  - The 2012 applications have to be approved and funded by the SCIRAC by September 30, 2011.
  - The amount of 2012 funding is unknown at this time.
- The Committee decided to cap the dollar amounts for the 2012 proposals at \$12,500.
- The 2 meeting format will be used for the 2012 funds as it has worked well in the past.

Action Item(s)	Who	When
News release to go out on 2012 Request for Proposals with cap of \$12,500.	Julie Thomas	Right away

**Next Meetings:**      Date:            August 31, 2011 and September 14, 2011  
                                 Time:            9:00am  
                                 Location:       Idaho Fish and Game Regional Office  
                                                    319 S 417 E, Hwy 93 Business Park  
                                                    Jerome, Idaho

#### Closing:

- Motion by Mike Ricondo to close meeting.
- Seconded by Chad Chorney
- All in Favor – Unanimous; All Opposed – None
- Motion Passed